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LOVE FOR EVERY HEART

Dear Lonely HEARTS

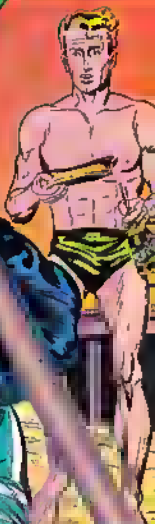
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GIRLS!

ARE YOU HAVING
LOVE PROBLEMS?
MY LOVE ADVICE
IN THIS ISSUE
MAY BE THE
ANSWER YOU
ARE SEEKING.

Mildred Norton



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THIS IS ANOTHER STORY THAT NEEDS TO BE TOLD, FOR TOO OFTEN SUCH CASES ARE HIDDEN AWAY LEADING TO HEARTBREAK AND FRUSTRATION, WHEN OFTEN, HAPPINESS IS PERFECTLY POSSIBLE... EVEN IN THE CASE OF AN...

UNWED MOTHER



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THIS IS LYNN DARYAS, AND THIS IS HER STORY...

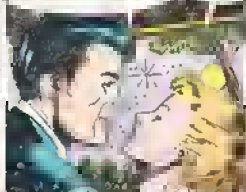
YES, I'M AN UNWED MOTHER, BUT I'M NOT ASHAMED TO ADMIT IT, ON THE CONTRARY, I'M GLAD TO BE ABLE TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT. PERHAPS MY EXPERIENCE WILL PROVE THAT SUCH THINGS NEED NOT RESULT IN LIFELONG TRAGEDY... BUT LET THE STORY BE ITS OWN PROOF. IT ALL STARTED WHEN I WAS SEVENTEEN, JUST FINISHING MY JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH...

AND IT'S A SIMPLE STORY. I MET A BOY NAMED DANNY WHO WAS TWENTY-FIVE AND HAD A GOOD JOB. HE WAS CHARISMATIC, EXPERIENCED, AND SOON...



DANNY WOULD DO FOR YOU WHAT MARRIAGE, NOT A CAREER OR A JOB. SO WHY WANT TO FINISH SCHOOL? LET'S GET MARRIED NOW! YOUR PARENTS WON'T LIKE IT, I KNOW, BUT THEY'LL GET OVER IT!

DANNY, WHAT EVER YOU SAY!



SO WE WERE MARRIED. DANNY WAS RIGHT ABOUT MY PARENTS. THEY WERE FURIOUS AT FIRST, BUT THEY LOVED ME, AND WE WERE SOON FRIENDS AGAIN. DANNY AND I HAD OUR OWN LITTLE APARTMENT, AND WE WERE HAPPY...

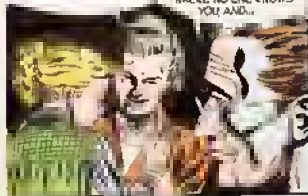


ISN'T IT PERFECT DANNY? JUST THE WAY I SAID IT WOULD BE...

MY WORLD CRASHED INTO DUST! EVEN IF HE'D BEEN ABLE TO GET A DIVORCE, I COULDN'T TRUST DANNY AGAIN, AFTER HE'D LIED, RISKED MY HAPPINESS. I THOUGHT OF RUNNING AWAY, OF SUICIDE, BUT...

YOU'RE OUR OWN DAUGHTER, LYNN. WE'LL STAND BY YOU!

YOU BET WE WILL! WE'LL MOVE SOMEWHERE WHERE NO ONE KNOWS YOU AND...



BUT NOT NEW FRIENDS. PEOPLE SOON FIND OUT YOUR SECRETS. YOU KNOW. IN A MONTH I WAS THE TALK OF THE SCHOOL... A SUBJECT FOR GIGGLES AND SPITEFUL GOSSIP TO THE GIRLS, AND AN OBJECT OF WHISTLES, WISE CRACKS AND CRUDE INVITATIONS TO THE BOYS!



HAPPY, THAT IS, FOR ABOUT A YEAR, UNTIL JUST A MONTH BEFORE A BABY WAS BORN, AND THEN...

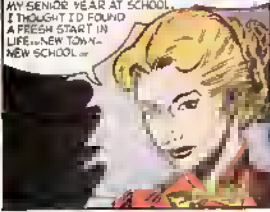
YOUR WIFE!!? BUT DANNY YOU NEVER TOLD ME!!!

YOU BET I'M HIS WIFE... BECAUSE WE'VE NEVER BEEN DIVORCED! AND WE NEVER WILL BE, EITHER!

LYNN, SHE WAS SO FAR AWAY. I THOUGHT SHE'D NEVER KNOW.



AND THEY DID STICK BY ME. MY PARENTS WERE WONDERFUL. I HAD THE BABY, AND THEN WE MOVED TO HIS TOWN, WHERE DAD COULD STILL COMMUTE TO HIS JOB IN THE CITY. MOTHER INSISTED ON TAKING CARE OF THE BABY DAY-TIMES, SO THAT I COULD GO BACK TO FINISH MY SENIOR YEAR AT SCHOOL. I THOUGHT I'D FOUND A FRESH START IN LIFE... NEW TOWN... NEW SCHOOL...

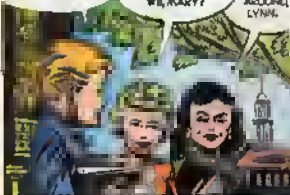


OH, I THINK I TRIED SO HARD TO MAKE FRIENDS, BUT...

HELLO, JEAN-CAROL. WE MIGHT AS WELL WALK HOME TOGETHER SINCE YOU BOTH LIVE IN MY DIRECTION...

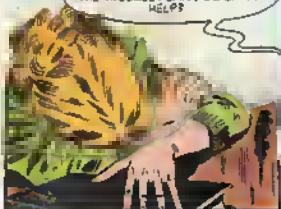
WELL, WE'RE NOT GOING HOME TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO MARY'S HOUSE. AREN'T WE, MARY?

OH, SURE! LET'S GO. SEE YOU AROUND, LYNN.



I WAS SO LONELY I COULDN'T STAND IT! FINALLY I STARTED TO CRY ONE DAY RIGHT IN THE NEWS-PAPER OFFICE, THINKING I WAS ALONE, BUT...

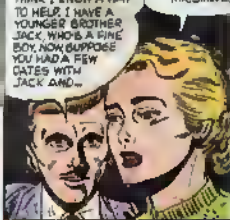
HERE NOW, MISS DARVAS, WHAT'S THE TROUBLE? CAN I BE OF ANY HELP?



HIS NAME WAS BARRY SIMMS. HE WAS AN ENGLISH TEACHER AND FACULTY COUNSEL FOR THE PAPER. IN NO TIME I HAD BLURTED OUT MY WHOLE STORY, AND...

YOU CERTAINLY ARE IN A TOUGH SPOT, LYNN. EVEN IF YOU TOLD PEOPLE THE TRUTH, THEY WOULDN'T BELIEVE YOU. BUT I THINK I KNOW A WAY TO HELP. I HAVE A YOUNGER BROTHER JACK, WHO'S A FINE BOY. NOW, SUPPOSE YOU HAD A FEW DATES WITH JACK AND...

I COULDN'T ACCEPT A DATE ON THOSE TERMS, MR. SIMMS.



I EVEN JOINED THE SCHOOL PAPER, THINKING I COULD MEET PEOPLE THAT WAY. BUT IT WAS NO USE.

I HEAR YOU'RE HOLDING THE CLUB MEETING AT YOUR HOUSE, MARY. I'D LIKE TO COME ALONG AND GET A LIST OF THOSE WHO ATTEND, AND...

LOL! I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER IF I SEND YOU A LIST, LYNN!



REALLY, MISS DARVAS, I'D LIKE TO HELP! IF YOU'D TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG...?

OH, MR. SIMMS, I...

MAYBE I COULD TELL HIM. HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SO KIND AND THOUGHTFUL... AND I HAVE TO TALK TO SOME BODY!!



YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, LYNN. JACK'S ALREADY MENTIONED HOW PRETTY YOU ARE AND WHAT A SHAME IT IS THAT YOU SEEM SO ALONE. ALL HE'D HAVE TO DO IS TO DATE YOU A FEW TIMES, AND THE REST OF THE KIDS WOULD FOLLOW HIS LEAD. HE'S A VERY POPULAR BOY!

WELL, I DON'T KNOW... IT WOULD BE SWEET OF HIM, OF COURSE.



IT'D BETTER THEN. BELIEVE ME, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH I WISH I COULD TAKE JACK'S PLACE... BUT THERE'S A RULE AGAINST TEACHERS DATING STUDENTS, YOU KNOW.

YOU'RE... YOU'RE VERY KIND, MR. SIMMS.



WHY I CUT IN? YOU CAN'T KEEP THIS DOLL TO YOURSELF JACK!

SURE, BILLY SURPRISED YOU WEREN'T HERE SOONER.



AFTER THAT I HAD DATES WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE, BUT MOSTLY WITH JACK, AND SOMEHOW, BARRY USUALLY CAME ALONG TOO.

YOU TWO ARE MAKING ME THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN TOWN!



WE SPENT A LOT OF QUIET EVENINGS AT HOME TOO, EITHER AT MY HOUSE OR THEIRS, AND OUR FRIENDSHIP GREW WARMER AND CLOSER BY THE DAY.



WHAT A PAIR OF WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL PEOPLE! WHY I... I COULD FALL IN LOVE WITH EITHER OF THEM! AND PERHAPS I AM. OH, NO! I MUSTN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!

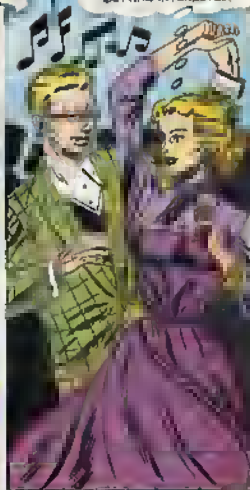


AND SO I HAD MY FIRST DATE WITH JACK.

HAVING A GOOD TIME, LYNN? IT ISN'T SO BAD, IS IT?

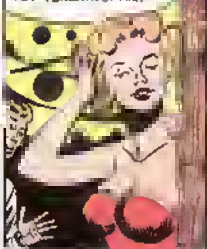
IT'S WONDERFUL, JACK!

IT IS, AND SO IS JACK! HE'S SO KIND AND FRIENDLY AND DOESN'T ASK QUESTIONS, AND I BELIEVE IT'S GOING TO WORK, TOO. THE OTHER BOYS ARE GETTING INTERESTED!



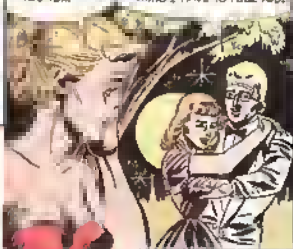
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THE END OF
EVENING...

NO THERE WAS FEELING ABOUT
DANCED OUT. I'M GOING OUT
FOR A BREATH OF AIR!



JACK: OH... OH... I'M
SORRY! I'LL LEAVE
YOU TO...

LYNN: LYNN, WAIT A MINUTE,
PLEASE. THERE'S SOMETHING
I HAVE TO TELL YOU!



LYNN: SURELY I
HAVE BEEN ENGAGED
FOR A YEAR. I KNOW
I SHOULD HAVE TOLD
YOU, BUT I DON'T
WANT TO SPOIL YOUR
GOOD TIMES, AND...

YOU SEE, LYNN WHEN JACK
TOLD US ABOUT YOUR
TROUBLES, WE WANTED TO
HELP, SO WE DECIDED THAT
JACK SHOULD TRY TO MAKE
YOU POPULAR WITH THE
OTHERS...



YOU MEAN...

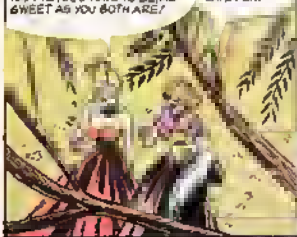
YOU MEAN YOU TWO HAVE ^{MY} HAVE
STAYED AWAY FROM EACH OTHER
JUST TO HELP ME, ALL THESE
MONTHS? WHY... I DIDN'T KNOW
THERE WERE SUCH WONDER-
FUL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD!

IT WAS
NOTHING,
LYNN... WE
WERE GLAD
TO DO IT.
YOU'RE A
VERY WONDER-
FUL GIRL, YOUR-
SELF.



I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO
SAY EXCEPT THANK YOU FROM
THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART!
AND I KNOW YOU'LL BE TERRIBLY
HAPPY... YOU'D HAVE TO BE, AS
SWEET AS YOU BOTH ARE!

SO WILL YOU LYNN
... IN A LITTLE
WHILE? WE'LL
SEE YOU INSIDE
LATER ON.



WILL I WILL I EVER AGAIN BE HAPPY, THE WAY
THEY ARE? OH I WASN'T REALLY IN LOVE WITH
JACK, OF COURSE, HE'S YOUNGER THAN I AM, AND...
BUT I WAS IN LOVE WITH THE IDEA OF LOVING
SOMEONE, I GUESS, BUT I SUPPOSE SUCH THINGS
ARE NOT FOR ME...



HELLO, LYNN...



PROBLEM CORNER



Dear Miss Norton:

I am fourteen, and in grammar school. A boy in my class has asked me to go out with him three times already, but I have always said no, because my mother thinks I'm too young to go with boys. But I like him a lot, and I'm afraid that if I keep saying no he'll stop asking me. But I don't want to disobey my mother. What can I do?

Jackie G.
Clarksville, Ohio

That's a problem that breeds many girls just about your age, Jackie. Some of them solve it by asking their mothers to let them invite the boys to their homes, where the boys can meet the girl's parents and become acquainted with them. In this way a girl can remain friendly with a boy until her parents decide it is proper for the young couple to go out together. Try it, Jackie.

Dear Mildred Norton:

I am very interested in a boy in my class, third year in high school. But he insists on giving me things. He has given me several expensive presents, and he is quite sure I try to inform him. He says he has plenty of money, and that it makes him happy to give me all these things. Now he wants to give me an expensive watch that I was foolish enough to admire. My mother won't let me take it, and I agree with her, but I don't want to hurt him. How can I make him see why?

Clotie Arrow
Boyleston, N. Y.

Simple explanations are the best, Clotie. Just tell him that accepting expensive gifts is not considered in good taste. Ask him if he wants your friends to start whispering that you are a gold-digger, or that the only way he can interest you is by buying you love. He ought to understand after that, no matter how generous and impulsive he is.

Dear Miss Norton:

In less than a month my boyfriend is going or returning to the Army. We intend to get married tomorrow, so I want us to get engaged now. I'm afraid that if we don't have my forget me while he's away. How can I make him see it my way?

Carol Hill
New York, N. Y.

I'm afraid you can't make him see it your way, Carol, and perhaps it's just as well. Your approach to the matter is childish. If you love and he is real, then an engagement is unnecessary. If it is not—well, very few men are held by an engagement if they choose to run away!

Dear Mildred Norton:

After being married for over a year, something terrible happened to me. Suddenly and for no reason that I can understand, I became terribly jealous. I imagined that my husband was interested in other women, though at the same time I can now say that I'm sure he wasn't. Anyway, I made him miserable for him, and recently he left me, saying he would return if I could get over my jealousy. I know I was wrong, but how can I prove it to him?

B. R. D.
Lootsville, Ky.

It means to me that you are really cured of your unfortunate spell of jealousy. You seem to understand that it was wrong, and based on mistrust, and that is the most important step in getting rid of such feelings. Why not call your husband, and him to take you out on a few dates, and in the way prove yourself to him?

Dear Miss Norton:

I have been engaged to a boy for several months. Suddenly I found out that he is married, although separated from his wife. He never told me about it in all this time. I say he will divorce her and marry me, but somehow I don't feel I can trust him after he deceived me for so long. Do you think it's possible that he can really be sincere about me?

Bernice Pickett
Dallas, Texas

Possible, Bernice—but probably! He didn't think enough of you to tell you the truth, even when asking you to share his life with him. Why should he tell the truth of other times? I believe your instinctive distrust of him is well-founded.



If you have a problem and need advice, write to:

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THIS IS A VERY INTERESTING STORY—ONE THAT NEEDS VERY MUCH TO BE TOLD, ESPECIALLY IN TODAY'S WORLD, MANY OF OUR YOUNG MEN ARE AWAY OR GOING AWAY INTO THE ARMED FORCES, LEAVING BEHIND SOME LONGSOME WIVES AND SWEETHEARTS... A SITUATION LEADING TO MANY A HEARTBREAK THAT COULD BE AVOIDED. MARGE DILLON, FOR INSTANCE, HAD BEEN MARRIED ONLY SIX MONTHS WHEN HER HUSBAND BUD, ENTERED THE ARMY. NOW AND NOW, TWO YEARS LATER, MARGE WAS GROWING LONELY, AND WHAT IS MORE, MARGE WAS BEGINNING TO LET HER LONELINESS TURN TO SUSPICION AND DISTRUST, THE TWIN CURSES OF A...

DOUBTING HEART



ONE EVENING MARGE SAT ALONE, STARRING AT TWO LETTERS FROM BUD...

THREE MONTHS, AND NO LETTER... AND **FOUR MONTHS** SINCE THE ONE THAT IS REALLY A LETTER! THE FIRST ONE CHEERFUL AND HAPPY... "GOOD CHANCE I'LL BE HOME IN TWO MONTHS"... AND THE SECOND ONE TYPE-WRITTEN AND WITHOUT EVEN A SIGNATURE, SAYING HE'S VERY BUSY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO WRITE FOR A WHILE! I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT...



UNLESS HE'S SIMPLY FALLEN COMPLETELY OUT OF LOVE WITH ME... UNLESS THERE IS ANOTHER WOMAN WHO'S KEEPING HIM SO **VERY BUSY** THAT...

BROODING OVER THOSE LETTERS AGAIN MARGE? WHY DON'T YOU TEST THAT BOY, DARLING? YOU DID ONCE, YOU KNOW... ENOUGH TO JOIN YOUR WHOLE LIFE WITH HIS!



OH, NOW, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! BUD'S YOUNG, HE MAY HAVE CHANGED...



JUST THEN MARGE'S FRIEND DELLA ARRIVED, WITH HER FIANCÉE, JOHNNY, AND...

MARGE, THIS IS NEAL BROWN, A FRIEND OF JOHNNY'S. WE'RE HEADED FOR DANCELAND, AND WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO GO ALONG...

PLEASED TO MEET YOU, NEAL.

I'D CERTAINLY BE HONORED IF YOU'D COME WITH ME, MRS. DILLON... MARGE



THANK YOU NEAL, BUT... I'M JUST NOT DATING ANYONE TILL BUD COMES BACK...

DARNED IF I'D SIT AROUND MOPING ALONE, BUT IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT...

WELL, LET'S BE GOING, THEN.



WELL, PERHAPS ANOTHER TIME, MARGE...

GOODNIGHT, AND... HAVE A GOOD TIME.

THEY WILL, TOO, DASH IT! WHY **SHOULD** I SIT AND MOP? I'LL BET **BUD'S** NOT MOPING BUT IS OUT DOING THE TOWN SOMEWHERE.



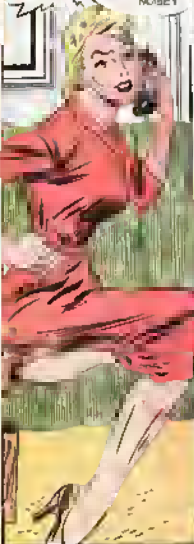
BUT NOT AN HOUR LATER THE PHONE RANG AND...

MARGE PHARGE IS THAT YOU? I CAN HARDLY HEAR, WONEY... TERRIBLE RACKET IN HERE!

BUY DARLING, IT'S SO GOOD TO HEAR YOUR VOICE! I'VE BEEN WAITING... WHERE ARE YOU... WHAT IS ALL THAT NOISE?

...JUST A RADIO IN THE BARRACKS HERE. LISTEN, DARLING, I HAVEN'T MUCH MONEY FOR THE PHONE, SO I'LL TALK FAST. I EXPECTED TO BE HOME ABOUT NOW, BUT I WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT...

...AND I HEAR WOMEN YELLS THAT NO BARRACKS... HE'S IN A BAR OR AT A PARTY SOMEWHERE... AND HE'S LYING TO ME!



...SOMETHING IMPORTANT'S COME UP. I MAY HAVE GOOD NEWS IN A MONTH OR SO. I MAY BE HOME FOR GOOD! I'LL EXPLAIN IT WHEN... ARE YOU THERE, MARGE?

NO MONEY FOR THE PHONE... IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO! **LIAR!** YOU'RE HAVING TOO MUCH FUN TO COME HOME!

I HEAR YOU. I WON'T KEEP YOU THEN... IF YOU MUST GO, GOOD-BYE, BUDD!

WAIT A MINUTE, WONEY! WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SOUND SO...

I'LL SHOW HIM! AFTER ALL, I'M JUST AS ATTRACTIVE AS HE IS... AND I CAN HAVE JUST AS MUCH FUN! I NOT ONLY CAN I **WELL!**



SO NEXT DAY, MARGE PHONED DELLA.

SO IF YOU AND JOHNNY GO OUT WITH NEAL AGAIN, I... WELL, HE SEEMS NICE, AND...

ATTAGIRL, ASK JOHNNY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH NEAL RIGHT AWAY.



AND SO MARGE DATED NEAL. AT FIRST IT WAS ONLY DOUBLE-DATING...

YOU'RE A FINE DANCER, MARGE.

THANK YOU, KIND SIR! YOU'RE SMOOTH YOURSELF!

I TOLD YOU SHE'D BE GREAT... ONCE WE GOT HER OUT OF HER SHELL.



BUT SOON THEY DATED ALONE... AND THE INEVITABLE DANGER BEGAN...

MARGE, WE CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS. I NEED YOU TOO MUCH. AFTER ALL, WE BOTH HAVE LIVES. WE KNOW WHAT A MAN AND WOMAN MEAN TO EACH OTHER...

PLEASE, NEAL! I... I'M STILL MARRIED. YOU KNOW?



AND FINALLY...

KISS ME
AGAIN,
BABY!

OK, YEA NEAL. YES, I'M SO LONELY
AND DISCOURAGED, I NEED TO
BE HELD BY SOMEONE!



AND FROM ONE NIGHT WHEN HEAL BROUGHT
MARGE HOME AFTER A LATE DATE...

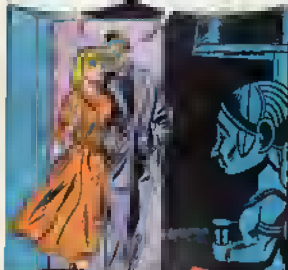
PLEASE BABY! LET ME GO ON
FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE! I WANT
TO KISS YOU SOMEWHERE BESIDES
IN A CAR! YOUR MOTHER WON'T
HEAR US

WELL, I'M
ALRIGHT,
DARLING!



OUT JUST THIS ONCE,
NEAL! I'D DIE IF ANY
ONE FOUND OUT!

WHATEVER YOU SAY, DOLL!
NOW COME HERE AND
KISS ME

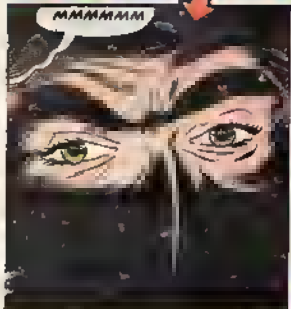


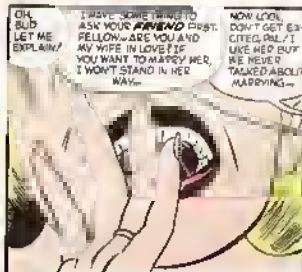
HEY, WHAT
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I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG
AFTER HE TALKED ON THE PHONE,
MARGE. SO I GOT SPECIAL PER-
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NEVER DREAMED THE TROUBLE
WOULD BE THIS KIND!



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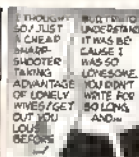




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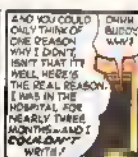
I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK YOUR **ARND** FIRST. FELLOW...ARE YOU AND MY WIFE IN LOVE? IF YOU WANT TO MARRY HER, I WON'T STAND IN HER WAY...

NOW LOOK, DON'T GET EXCITED, PAL. I LIKE HER BUT WE NEVER TALKED ABOUT MARRYING...



I THOUGHT SO. JUST A CHEAD SHARP-SHOOTER TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LONELY WIVES/GET OUT YOU LOU BEFORE...

BUT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT WAS BECAUSE I WAS SO LONESOME. YOU DIDN'T WRITE FOR SO LONG, AND...



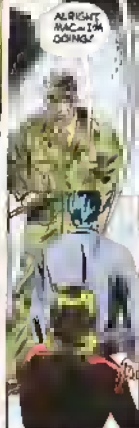
AND YOU COULD ONLY THINK OF ONE REASON WHY I DON'T, ISN'T THAT IT'S WELL, HERE'S THE REAL REASON. I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR NEARLY THREE MONTHS...AND I COULDN'T WRITE!

OH, BUD, LET ME EXPLAIN!



TELL US YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE WHOLE STORY, TO MAKE IT SHORT...I PUSHED A CAPTAIN OUT OF THE WAY OF A TANK, AND IT HIT ME INSTEAD, OUT OF THAT I GOT A BROKEN LEG, TORN MUSCLES IN MY RIGHT ARM, A PURPLE HEART, AND A DISCHARGE, BECAUSE MY LEG WILL NEVER BE QUITE RIGHT AGAIN!

DARLING, WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME KNOW?



ALRIGHT, MAC, I'M DOING!



MAINLY BECAUSE I DON'T WANT MY LOVING WIFE TO WORRY...BUT PARTLY BECAUSE AN INFECTION SET IN AFTER I'D BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL FOR THREE WEEKS, AND I WAS OUT OF MY HEAD TILL THE DAY BEFORE I PHONED YOU...

OH, BUD, LET ME EXPLAIN!



AND THEN THAT TYPEWRITER LETTER...IT WAS WRITTEN BY A NURSE, SORRY, BUT I COULDN'T SIGN IT, ANY APM WAS STILL BAD...

MY POOR, POOR DARLING!

OH, BUD, I'M SO SORRY! I MUST HAVE BEEN CRAZY! IT STARTED WHEN YOU DIDN'T WRITE FOR SO LONG, AND THEN WHEN YOU PHONED FROM THAT BAR AND I HEARD THOSE GIRLS LAUGHING...

BAR? OH, I SEE WHAT A LOT OF MISTAKES A DOUBTING HEART CAN MAKE...



WOULDN'T YOU MARGE? HOW AM I TO KNOW THAT'S TRUE? IF YOU DOUBTED ME THE VERY FIRST TIME YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD CAUSE TO... WHAT OF THE NEXT TIME, AND THE NEXT? I'LL NEED TIME TO THINK THIS OVER!

WH-WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



OH, I'LL BE BACK, MARGE. I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH TO STAY AWAY, I'M AFRAID! BUT I WANT TO BE ALONE FOR A FEW DAYS TO... WELL, TO GET USED TO IT!

PLEASE, DARLING, DON'T LEAVE ME AGAIN!

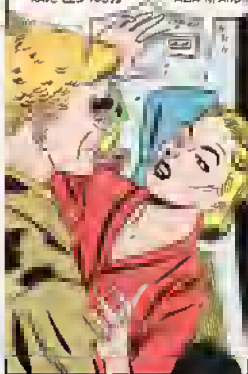


DON'T LEAVE ME, BUD! NOT FOREVER, PLEASE! YOU SAID YOU'D BE BACK- AND I'LL BE HERE WAITING FOR YOU! I GROW UP IN THE LAST FEW MINUTES, DARLING, AND I'LL BE THE WIFE YOU THOUGHT I WAS- IF YOU'LL ONLY COME BACK!



MARGE, THAT BAR WAS THE RECREATION HALL OF THE HOSPITAL, AND THE NOISE WAS A PARTY MY FRIENDS GAVE FOR ME WHEN I GOT WELL, THEY PUSHED ME THERE IN A WHEELCHAIR AND HELPED ME USE THE PHONE, AND THE GIRLS WERE NURSES, YOU SEE WHERE YOUR SUSPICIONS HAVE LED YOU?

OH, NOT THAT AN IDIOT EYE BEEN! BUD, LET ME MAKE IT UP TO YOU SOMEHOW! NOW THAT WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN, I'LL NEVER DOUBT YOU AGAIN, AND...



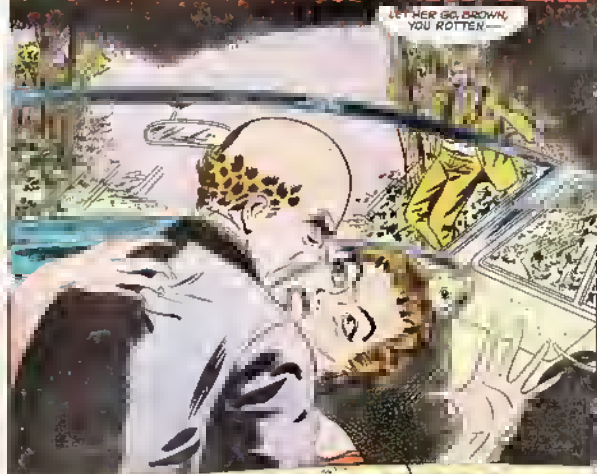
YES, HE SAID HE'D BE BACK IN A FEW DAYS, BUT THAT WAS TWO WEEKS AGO! THESE TWO WEEKS HAVE BEEN THE MOST AGONIZING OF MY LIFE, WAITING--WONDERING--MILL HE RETURN, OR HAVE I LOST MY LOVE? BELIEVE ME, ANY OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN IN A SIMILAR SITUATION--BE SURE--BE SURE OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING BEFORE YOU GIVE IN TO THE SUSPICIONS OF A DOUBTING HEART!



SOMETIMES A GIRL FEELS SHE'S MATURING TOO FAST FOR THE BOY SHE HAS BEEN IN LOVE WITH THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE GIRL IS RIGHT, BUT THERE ARE OTHER TIMES WHEN APPEARANCES ARE DECEIVING. BOBBIE CARYER DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER SHE WANTED...

LOVE IN HIGH STYLE

LET HER GO, BROWN,
YOU ROTTEN—

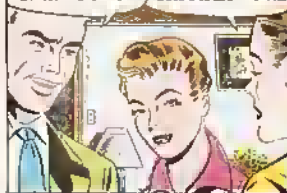


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IT ALL STARTED ONE NIGHT WHEN CHICK BROWN, BOBBIE'S STEADY (DATE, CAME CALLING FOR HER—

WELL, I GUESS WE'LL BE GOING, MRS. CARYER—

OH, THERE'S THE DOOR-BELL. I'LL SEE WHO IT IS.



BOBBIE, CHICK, - THIS IS DOUGLAS BROWN, HE'S NEW IN TOWN, AND HAS COME TO SEE YOUR FATHER ABOUT SOME CONSTRUCTION WORK. MAKE HIM FEEL AT HOME WHILE I CALL DAD WILL YOU?

GOOD EVENING, HOPE I'M NOT DISTURBING ANYONE.

COME IN AND SIT DOWN, MR. BROWN.



MOMENTS LATER...

SAY CHICK-- WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME JUST WHAT SORT OF OUTFIT THAT IS YOU'RE WEARING. I'VE ^{IN} NEVER SEEN ANYTHING QUITE LIKE IT BEFORE.

WELL, IT'S CALLED HIGH STYLE, MR. BROWN. EVERYBODY'S WEARING IT THESE DAYS!



NOT QUITE. I'M GLAD TO SAY I GUESS IT'S OK. FOR YOUR KIDS, BUT IN MY OPINION.

LOOK, MR. BROWN, NOBODY ASKED YOU FOR YOUR...

COME ON, CHICK, WE MIGHT AS WELL GO! I HEAR DAD COMING!



YOU'RE A CHARMING GIRL, BOBBIE. I HOPE WE'LL MEET AGAIN, SOON.

GOODNIGHT, MR. BROWN. COME ON, CHICK!



BOBBIE AND CHICK STARTED OUT FOR THEIR DATE IN AN ARGUMENT

THE NERVE OF THAT GUY! WE MADE A PLAY FOR YOU, ON TOP OF MAKING CRACKS ABOUT MY CLOTHES AND CALLING ME A KID!

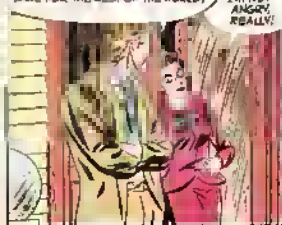
WELL, YOU MUST ADMIT THAT SUIT IS-- WELL-- IT'S CERTAINLY-- DIFFERENT!



BUT BY THE TIME THE EVENING WAS OVER...

AW, WHAT ARE WE ARGUING ABOUT SOMEBODY ELSE FOR'S AS LONG AS WE HAVE EACH OTHER, WHAT DO WE CARE FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD?

I'M SORRY CHICK, I'M NOT ANGRY, REALLY!



GIVE ME A GOOD-NIGHT KISS THEN?

OF COURSE I WILL-- JUST BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO ASK ME!



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AND SO ALL WAS WELL... ALL NEXT DAY THAT IS...

SAY, THAT MR. BROWN ASKED ME IF I'D MIND HIM TAKING YOU OUT, I DON'T THINK--

HMMMPH! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THAT SMOOTH CHARACTER! I GOT A DATE WITH CHICK TONIGHT--

GOOD! THAT MAN IS TOO OLD FOR YOU!

...UNTIL THAT EVENING, AS BOBBIE AND CHICK WAITED FOR A BUS...

HELLO, BOBBIE--HI, HOTSHOT, WANT A LIFT? I'M GOING DOWNTOWN...

THANKS, MR. BROWN, THAT WOULD BE VERY--

NO THANKS, WE'LL TAKE THE BUS!

HAVE IT YOUR WAY, SPORT!! DON'T BUND THE BUS DRIVER WITH THAT OUTFIT!!

CHICK, YOU'RE SILLY! NOW WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE TWO BUSES AND... HE WAS JUST TRYING TO BE NICE TO US.

NICE TO YOU, YOU MEAN! HE'S A WIDE THAT GUY, AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM... HEAR ME!

ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME WHAT I CAN AND CAN'T DO? I HAVE HALF A MIND TO GO ON A DATE WITH HIM-- HE ASKED FOR ONE, YOU KNOW!

GO AHEAD! BUT YOU WON'T BE DATING ME ANYMORE IF YOU DO!

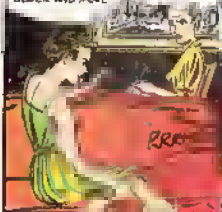
THREATENING ME, ARE YOU? WELL, THAT'S THE LAST STRAW! I'LL DATE ANYONE I PLEASE-- OUTSIDE OF YOU! NOW GO AWAY AND LEAVE ME ALONE! I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU OR YOUR DIRTY CLOTHES EVER AGAIN!

AH! BOBBIE, HONEY, I DON'T MEAN-- I'M SORRY-- DON'T BE LIKE--

BUT CHUCK'S BLEADING WAS USELESS.
LATER THAT NIGHT...

IT'S NO USE, MOTHER.
I'M THROUGH WITH HIM! IT'S TRUE—HIS
CLOTHES ARE RIDIC-
ULOUS! I'M GOING
TO FIND SOMEONE
OLDER AND MORE

WE'LL GROW OUT
OF IT--AND INTO
FLANNELS AND A
CREW CUT WHEN
HE GOES TO COLLEGE



YOU SHOULD
HAVE SEEN
YOUR FATHER
WHEN HE WAS
--OH, WHAT'S
THE USE?

HELLO? OH,
HELLO, MR.
BROWN--
ALRIGHT, DOG.
THEN, HOW
NICE OF YOU
TO CALL--



TOMORROW
NIGHT? DANCING?
WHY, I'D JUST
LOVE TO MR--
--DOG!

YOU'LL REGRET
IT--BUT I
GUESS YOU
ARE OLD
ENOUGH TO
FIND IT OUT!



SO DOUG BROWN TOOK BOBBIE TO THE COUNTRY
CLUB. HE WAS CHARMING BOBBIE'S ATTENTION.

YOU LOOK LOVELY,
BOBBIE--EVERY MAN
IN THE PLACE IS
JEALOUS OF ME!

WHAT A NICE THING
TO SAY, DOUG!

CHUCK WOULD NEVER
THINK OF SAYING THAT.



I HAVEN'T HAD SUCH
A GOOD TIME IN YEARS.
THANKS TO YOU--HAVE
ANOTHER DRINK!

I'D LOVE ONE.

WHEN THEY'RE STRONG--
BUT I'LL HAVE TO GET USED
TO IT IF I'M GOING OUT WITH
SOPHISTICATED PEOPLE!



BOBBIE, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL! YOU MAKE ME
BURN WITH WANTING YOU! I LOVE YOU, BOBBIE.

BUT DOUG, WE'VE ONLY JUST MET--!

YES, HE
WAS
CHARMING--
UNTIL
THEY
HEARD
HOME!



OH, NOW STOP
IT PLEASE!



WHAT'S THE MATTER,
MONEY? IT WAS ONLY
A KISS—THERE'S NO
HARM IN THAT!

MAYBE NOT, BUT YOU MIGHT
HAVE ASKED ME FIRST! I
MIGHT HAVE EVEN LET YOU
KISS ME! AT LEAST ONCE
NEVER!



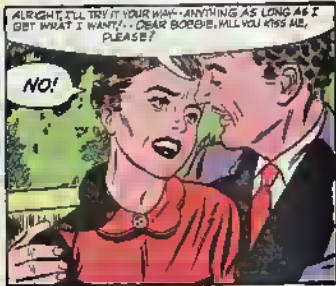
CHICK! EAT NO WONDER YOU
WERE STARTLED. I FORGOT
YOU'RE USED TO THOSE INNO-
CENT BABES WITH THEIR SLY
HIGH STYLE OR WHATEVER
IT'S CALLED...

TAKE
ME
HOMIE,
NOW!



ALRIGHT, I'LL TRY IT YOUR WAY—ANYTHING AS LONG AS I
GET WHAT I WANT!... DEAR BOBBIE, WILL YOU KISS ME,
PLEASE?

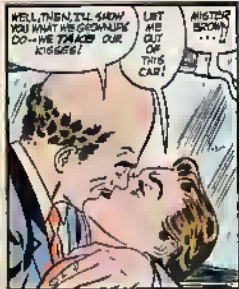
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WELL, THEN, I'LL SHOW
YOU WHAT WE GROWNUPS
DO—WE TAKE OUR
KISSES!

LIFT
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OUT
OF
THIS
CAR!

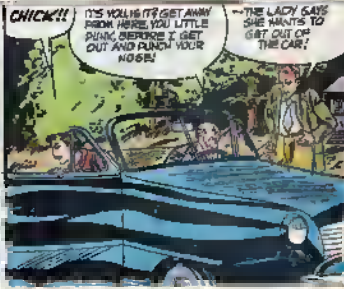
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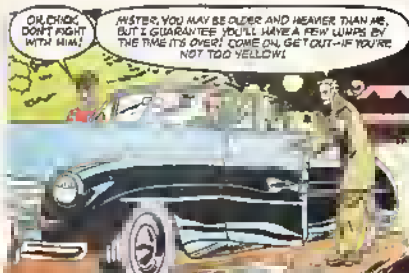


CHICK!!

IT'S YOURS! GET AWAY
FROM HERE, YOU LITTLE
PUNK, BEFORE I GET
OUT AND PUNCH YOUR
NOSE!

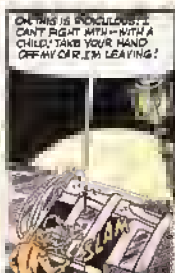
--THE LADY SAYS
SHE WANTS TO
GET OUT OF
THE CAR!



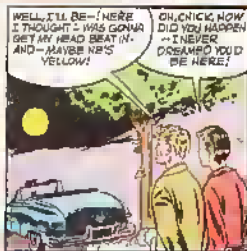


OH, CHICK,
DON'T FIGHT
WITH HIM!

WISTER, YOU MAY BE OLDER AND HEAVIER THAN ME,
BUT I GUARANTEE YOU'LL HAVE A FEW LUMPS BY
THE TIME IT'S OVER! COME ON, GET OUT--IF YOU'RE
NOT TOO YELLOW!



OH, THIS IS INCREDIBLE! I
CAN'T FIGHT WITH--WITH A
CHILD! TAKE YOUR HAND
OFF MY CAR, I'M LEAVING!

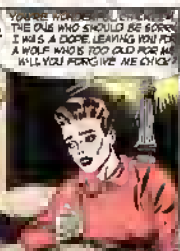


WELL, I'LL BE--! HERE
I THOUGHT-- WAS GONNA
GET MY HEAD BEAT IN--
AND-- MAYBE NB'S
YELLOW!

OH, CHICK, HOW
DID YOU HAPPEN
--I NEVER
DREAMED YOU'D
BE HERE!



GORGONE, I'M SORRY IF I
EMBARRASSED YOU, BUT--
WELL, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT
NEED HELP, BUT I DIDN'T
MEAN TO BUST IN LIKE
THAT--

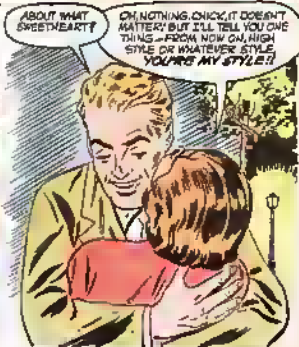


YOU'RE WORSE! YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO SHOULD BE SORRY!
I WAS A DOPE, LEAVING YOU FOR
A WOLF WHO'S TOO OLD FOR ME!
WILL YOU FORGIVE ME, CHICK?



SURE, HONEY, I GUESS
CURIOSITY ABOUT SMOOTH
CHARACTERS LIKE THAT AND
OLDER MEN IS JUST--A SORT
OF A PERIOD ALL GIRLS GO
THROUGH. YOU'LL GROW
OUT OF IT!

WHY, CHICK, THAT'S
ALMOST EXACTLY
THE SAME THING
MY MOTHER SAID
ABOUT--!



ABOUT WHAT
SWEETHEART?

OH, NOTHING, CHICK, IT DOESN'T
MATTER! BUT I'LL TELL YOU ONE
THING--FROM NOW ON, HIGH
STYLE OR WHATEVER STYLE,
YOU'RE MY STYLE!!



"SOMETIMES A GIRL HAS TO LEAVE HER HOME, HER FRIENDS AND THE BOYS SHE LOVES TO BEFORE SHE CAN LEARN TO GROW UP! NOW ONE GIRL, RUTH CARLSON, CHANGED FROM...

GIRL into WOMAN

RUTH, YOU CAN'T GO AWAY? I WON'T LET YOU!



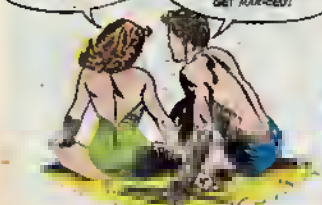
BOB, YOU KNOW I HATE TO LEAVE YOU! BUT AFTER ALL, WE HAVE TO MAKE SOMETHING OF OURSELVES. YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A NURSE AND YOU HAVE THAT WONDERFUL JOB IN THE BANK WAITING FOR YOU.

BUT WHY DOES YOUR POOL NURSING SCHOOL HAVE TO START IN THE SUMMER? COULDN'T YOU STAY WITH ME TILL RUTH? LET'S RUN AWAY AND GET MARRIED!

NO BOB! WE ALREADY LEARN TO BE RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE WHY NEITHER OF US WOULD HAVE A JOB, AND...

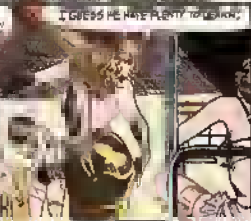
WHO CARES? THINGS WILL WORK OUT. MY FATHER WOULD GIVE ME MONEY.

HEY! YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS!





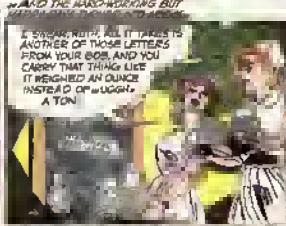
AND SO, SEVERAL DAYS LATER, RUTH AND BOB WERE IN AN UMBRELLA HAWK AND WERE TRAVELLING AGAIN.



RUTH TOOK TO HER STUDIES WITH A NEW DETERMINATION.



AND THE HARD-WORKING BUT HAPPY-TO-BE-ABLE-TO-READ.





PEOPLE ARE WATCHING, DR. BRAND! BESIDES, AN INTERN LIKE YOU DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO DO ANYTHING BUT WORK, AND NEITHER DOES A NURSE.

THAT'S NOT MUCH OF AN ANSWER, AND I'M TOO BUSY RIGHT NOW TO ARGUE. BUT I'M GOING TO KEEP ASKING, RUTH! BESIDES, I'LL BE FINISHING MY INTERNSHIP AT JUST ABOUT THE TIME YOU GRADUATE.



AND THEN, ONE DAY, RUTH GOT THE LETTER SHE WAS WAITING FOR, AND RUSHED TO THE DORMITORY TO READ IT. BUT...



RUTH'S LOVE OF THE WORK BEGAN TO FADE. HER MIND WAS FAR AWAY, WONDERING ABOUT BOB. AND THEN, ONE DAY...

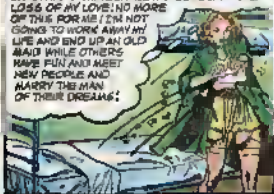


and so decided to get married. I knew you'd understand. Once was only a high school romance. After all, we're all going up to her father's summer place, the gang of us, and the wedding will be there, day after tomorrow.

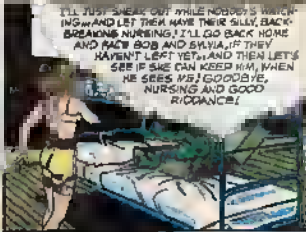
"Love, Bob."

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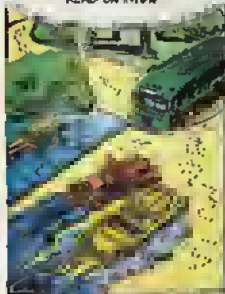
SO THATS WHAT ALL MY WORKING AND SLAVING
HAS BROUGHT ME, IS IT? IT WILL LEAD TO MORE
IMPORTANT THINGS, WILL IT? SURE... TO THE
LOSS OF MY LOVE! NO MORE
OF THIS FOR ME! I'M NOT
GOING TO WORK AWAY MY
LIFE AND END UP AN OLD
MAN! WHILE OTHERS
HAVE FUN AND MEET
NEW PEOPLE AND
MARRY THE MAN
OF THEIR DREAMS!



I'LL JUST SNEAK OUT WHILE NOBODY'S WATCH-
ING... AND LET THEM HAVE THEIR SILLY, BACK-
BREAKING NURSING! I'LL GO BACK HOME
AND HAVE BOB AND SYLVIA, IF THEY
HAVEN'T LEFT YET... AND THEN LET'S
SEE IF SHE CAN KEEP HIM, WHEN
HE SEES ME! GOODBYE,
NURSING AND GOOD
BYE DANCE!



HERE COMES THE BUS THAT WILL TAKE
ME BACK... OHNNIT! LOOK OUT!
THAT CAR! IT'S GOING TO CRASH
HEAD-ON INTO...



HELP!
HELP!
DO SOMETHING, SOMEONE! I'M BLEEDING TO DEATH!



HOW TERRIBLE! I'LL HAVE TO
DO WHAT I CAN ALONE FOR NOW
BUT I'M SURE THEY HEARD THE
CRASH AT THE HOSPITAL! THEY'LL
BE HERE IN A MINUTE!

SYLVIA AND BOB: GOOD HEAVENS, I'LL HAVE TO GET THEM OUT OF THERE! THE CAR IS CATCHING FIRE!

HELP! PLEASE HELP! IT HURTS!

AND WITHOUT HER WILLING IT, THE THING THAT HAD MADE RUTH LONG TO BE A NURSE TOOK COMMAND OF HER! SHE CARRIED SYLVIA TO SAFETY!

RUTH: OH, I'M GLAD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

HUSH NOW! JUST REST, THE DOCTOR'S WILL BE HERE SOON, AND YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT!

AND SOMEHOW SHE MANAGED TO DRAG BOB'S UNCONSCIOUS FORM OUT OF DANGER.

POOR BOB! THEY MUST HAVE BEEN ON THEIR WAY TO THE WEDDING, BUT HE DOESN'T LOOK SERIOUSLY HURT AND I MUST TRY TO HELP ALL THE OTHERS!

AND THEN FOR THE NEXT HOUR RUTH WORKED LIKE A DEMON TO AID FRIEND AND STRANGER ALIKE!

DON'T WORRY NOW! IT ISN'T SERIOUS, MISS. THE DOCTOR WILL BE HERE IN A MOMENT.

OUT AT LAST!

TAKE IT EASY, RUTH, OR YOU'LL BE A PATIENT YOURSELF! IT'S ALL OVER, BY THE WAY THERE GO YOUR TWO FRIENDS, I THOUGHT YOU'D BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT THEY'LL BOTH BE ALRIGHT IN A WEEK OR SO.

FUNNY! ALL OF A SUDDEN, DON'T CARE WHETHER BOB MARRIES SYLVIA OR NOT. I'M JUST GLAD I WAS ABLE TO HELP HIM, AND ALL THE OTHERS!

YOU WERE WONDERFUL, RUTH, I NEVER
SAW ANYONE SO FIRM IN THE
PERFORMANCE OF DUTY, AND YET
SO GENTLE AND TENDER AND KIND,
YOU'RE A WONDERFUL NURSE,
RUTH!

I- I'M GLAD
YOU THINK
SO.

AND NOW THAT YOU KNOW IT, I
DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'LL NEED
THIS ANYMORE!
I'LL SNEAK IT
BACK IN FOR
YOU!

YOU KNOW I WAS
GOING TO

IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW, RUTH, BUT
SOMETHING ELSE DOES TERRIBLY!
I'VE TOLD YOU HOW GENTLE AND
TENDER AND KIND YOU ARE, BUT
I'VE NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO
TELL YOU HOW ADORABLY
BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE!

OH, PLEASE!
HE ^{IS} WE'RE
PRACTICALLY
STRANGERS!

I KNOW, BUT WE'LL HAVE TIME. WE
BOTH HAVE TO FINISH HERE. AFTER
THAT I'M OPENING AN OFFICE IN THE
CITY, AND A DOCTOR NEEDS A GOOD
NURSE LIKE YOU, AND THEN AFTER
THAT WE'LL A DOCTOR NEEDS AN
UNDERSTANDING WIFE, TOO, AND
IF SHE HAPPENS TO BE BE-
BEFORE, HE'S THE LUCKIEST
MAN IN THE WORLD!

HOW DIFFERENT
HE IS FROM BOB
WHO WANTED
TO RUN AWAY
AND MARRY
TOO YOUNG.

DO YOU THINK
YOU COULD
WAIT THAT
LONG, RUTH?

OH, YES! I
ALREADY
KNOW HOW
TO WAIT.
PRETTY WELL,
DOC. ALAN!

"BUT FOR YOU, DARLING,"
I THINK I COULD WAIT FOREVER!

♥ TODAY'S PROBLEM ♥

FRIENDS, THIS IS MARY BENSON. I'VE CHOSEN HER PROBLEM THIS TIME BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY SIMILAR CASES IN MY FILES. IT'S A SITUATION THAT SEEMS BROUGHT ABOUT BY TODAY'S HELTER-SKELTER, COMPETITIVE LIVING, AND... BUT LET'S HAVE MARY TELL IT, GO ON, DEAR...

WELL, MY PROBLEM ISN'T ANOTHER WOMAN OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, IN FACT WHEN I MARRIED MY HUSBAND BOB, I DECIDED HE WAS THE ONLY MAN I COULD EVER LOVE, IN A WAY I STILL THINK SO, BUT THE PROBLEM IS THIS...

BOB DRINKS TOO MUCH! I GUESS WE BOTH DID WHEN WE WERE FIRST MARRIED, BUT WHEN HE LEARNED THE BABY WAS COMING, WE DECIDED TO SETTLE DOWN.

DARLING YOU'RE THE ONLY GIRL IN MY LIFE, I'LL LOVE YOU TILL THE DAY I DIE... AND THE BABY TOO! AND THAT'S NOT THE LIQUOR TALKING, MARY!

I KNOW YOU WILL, BOB! BUT DON'T FORGET YOU PROMISED NO MORE LOSING JOBS BECAUSE OF TOO MUCH DRINKING.



BUT IT DIDN'T WORK, BOB WENT ON LOSING JOBS AND TAKING LESSER ONES, AND DRINKING MORE AND MORE. EVEN AFTER OUR BABY CAME, NOTHING, DOCTORS NOR MY THREATS OF LEAVING HIM HAD ANY EFFECT.

AND THEN ONE DAY I RAN INTO JOHN WORTH. JOHN HAD BEEN IN LOVE WITH ME, AND I THOUGHT I LOVED HIM TOO. BEFORE I MET BOB, HE BEGAN SHOWING UP IN THE PARK NEAR MY HOME, MORE AND MORE OFTEN, UNTIL...

OH, BOB! NOT AGAIN!

S'NOTHIN' MONEY, JUST A FEW WITH THE BOYS...



MARY... GET A DIVORCE AND MARRY ME! I LOVE YOU, AND I'LL LOVE YOUR CHILD LIKE MY VERY OWN! I'LL DEVOTE ALL I HAVE AND AM TO TAKING CARE OF BOTH OF YOU!



I LOVE YOU, MARY... AND I'LL LOVE YOUR CHILD LIKE MY VERY OWN!

I KNOW JOHN LOVES ME AND HE WOULD TAKE WONDERFUL CARE OF MY BABY AND GIVE HER EVERY ADVANTAGE, BUT I KNOW BOB LOVES ME, AND HIS CHILD TOO! AND HEAVEN HELP ME... I LOVE HIM! IF IT WASN'T FOR MY BABY I'D NEVER HESITATE I'D STAY WITH BOB... TRY TO HELP HIM!

I'M GOING TO LOVE YOU TILL THE DAY I DIE...



WHAT SHALL I DO? SHALL I MARRY JOHN WITH THE FINE LIFE HE'LL GIVE MY BABY? OR SHALL I STAY WITH THE MAN I LOVE, WHILE HE SINKS LOWER DRAGGING ME AND MY CHILD WITH HIM, AND HOPING AGAINST HOPE THAT HE'LL CHANGE? I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

IT'S A HEART-RENDING PROBLEM, AND A DIFFICULT DECISION TO MAKE, TOO, READERS. WHAT DO YOU THINK? IF YOU FEEL YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE WRITE TO US, PERHAPS BETWEEN US WE CAN ASSIST AN UNHAPPY YOUNG LADY!



ADDRESS YOUR LETTERS TO: MISS MILDRED WORTHON (PHE. HARRINGTON), 77, WIMBELL, AVE., 500 FIFTH AVE., NYC, 10018.

♥ I LIED FOR LOVE ♥

Susan didn't really mean to lie. But she needed a job, and desperately, and so it just came out. "Oh, certainly, Mr. Aldrich, I'm married." She knew she was blushing. She never had been able to lie convincingly. But perhaps he'd think it was just a natural shyness.

"Well, you certainly come well recommended, and you have all the qualifications," said Richard Aldrich. His blue eyes twinkled, and his handsome mouth smiled, partly in admiration of Susan's fresh young beauty, and partly in perplexity. "Of course, when I advertised for a housekeeper, I expected someone—well, you know, older! I'm a bachelor, you see, and the two of us living alone here—but you are a married woman?"

"Oh, yes," said Susan, compounding the lie. "For five years now."

Alright, it was terrible, but she did need the job. And how was she supposed to have known? Richard J. Aldrich 3rd—she had pictured a lousy old man living in a dusty old Victorian mansion, not a handsome man of thirty with the build of an athlete and the face of a movie star, living in an ultra-modern thing of glass brick and sandstone, with a swimming pool in the back!

"How is it that—what is your husband, Mrs. Jones?"

Susan thought fast. She couldn't say she was divorced. That would be as bad as being unmarried. Now where could a man—? Her eye fell on an advertisement in a magazine lying on the table, and she blurted out, "Why, he's a salesman of American Products. He only gets home once in a month."

"I see," said Mr. Aldrich quietly. "Well, then, the job is yours, Mrs. Pullen, the housekeeper who's leaving, will acquaint you with your duties."

The next few weeks passed in a haze of happiness for Susan. The house was a dream, and she soon began to love it as her own. She laid out all she had lived in it all her life—and wished that she had.

As for the owner of the house—well, Susan tried not to think about that, but it was impossible. She saw him at breakfast and dinner, at lunch on weekends, and he insisted that she spend many an evening with him, watching television, playing cards or just talking. They seemed to know a great deal about each other. Susan

was free to swim in the pool, where she was often joined by Mr. Aldrich, and she had complete charge of the house. And when his employer had guests, Susan was treated as one of the family, dining with them and joining in their activities.

But it was too good to last. Susan had known that the first time she looked at Mr. Richard Aldrich. After all, a girl can't stay in the same house with a man and preserve her dignity, to say nothing of her self control, when every time she looks at the man her cheeks grow warm and her heart turns cartwheels!

So at last, after a particularly sleepless night, sleepless because of the very thought of Mr. Aldrich close by, Susan made her decision. "Alright, I admit it! I'm in love with him. And because I'm in love with him, I can't stay in this house another minute, or something might—no, I'll just have to leave!"

She marched into the living room, planted herself before the master of the house, and managed to say, "I'm sorry, but I must leave. I—I have personal reasons!"

"You have?" Suddenly he reached out, pulled her to him. "But I have personal reasons for keeping you here!" And then he kissed her!

Susan struggled free. "Please! After all, I told you I was married—I!"

"So you did," said Richard J. Aldrich 3rd, "But darling, I happen to be vice-president in charge of sales of American Products! You're a lousy liar, sweetheart, but beautiful! Now—would it be alright if I kiss a girl who's only going to be married—to me?"

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Beauty Writer Tells How To CLEAR UP PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS BY SATURDAY NIGHT*

Skin Specialists Report On Amazing New Medical Discovery For Pimples, Blackheads, Whiteheads, And Other Blemishes! *By Startling Science Says: Beforehand You May Have A Clear, Blemish-Free Complexion For Saturday Night Or Your Money Back!

by Jennifer Turner

Here is the most brilliant news you've ever read! If you're embarrassed by pimples, blackheads, or other blemishes... No longer need anybody miss out on free and brilliant romance... popularity... dates... even social and business success... because their faces are freed by blemishes.

Medical science has made amazing advances during the past years. It has found you how to cure many of our most serious diseases. Now it has a new discovery that clears up pimples, blackheads and other blemishes... even in cases where nothing else has failed.

Any doctor will tell you that to be clear and blemish-free it is not at your face that he looks for... it is in your skin. It is today's skin that and the dead particles that settle on your face and clog your open pores. It is a germ that enters your pores faster than blackheads begin to form. When these germs infect your skin the development of pimples and other blemishes and neglecting your skin is doing just my about the conditions, only that as your skin becomes more

Now, thanks to a scientific miracle, this discovery, you can and forever you will have a clear, blemish-free skin!



A NEW FACE FOR YOUR NEXT PARTY! Don't be embarrassed if you have a blemish-free complexion when medical science has now perfected an amazing new way to "dermatize" pimples and blackheads. Read this carefully!

mosted face and restore the radiance you want in your complexion is clear. The name of this medicine is CLEAROXIN WES-10. That is all you have to do to clear up blemishes. All you have to do is the solution of your face. When you have blemishes, spots, lines or wrinkles, rub a little blemish. At the end of the first solution in your face it immediately starts to penetrate through your skin and openings. You feel nothing except a cool, pleasant sensation. No more cream... no more oil... just a softening treatment of your face. The solution slowly seeps down inside your pores, no matter how clogged they are. It helps loosen the dirt, the powder, the dirt that has collected. Quickly it helps lighten your pores. The next day slowly these hit the matter collected there. What's more, it soon as you apply the solution to your face it immediately kills every trace of skin bacteria and germs on the surface. So much important, so it seeps down into your pores. It also kills every germ and bacteria underneath your skin surface. If you have pimples it destroys the germs inside that keep them alive on the surface and they go up.

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GIRL WHO WANNAS

STAND DANCE?

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I LIED FOR LOVE

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